

Attachment A:

PROGRESS REPORT ON PRIORITY DEFICIENCIES OF RESEARCH  
By EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture

Gaps in Intelligence

Progress to Date

1. Sino-Soviet Bloc production and utilization balances of various agricultural commodities, including information of trade, consumption patterns and stockpiling.
2. Commercial and strategic reserves of selected products of agriculture and forestry.
3. Definitions of the concepts involved, necessary for the analysis of data released by Bloc countries. For example, Soviet "milk" and "meat", and Chinese "double-cropping" statistics remain undefined.
4. In the analysis of the prospects of Bloc agriculture the lack of detailed plan information constitutes a significant gap in intelligence. For example, Soviet published plans for the agricultural sector appear to be largely exhortatory in nature rather than expressing a goal that fits actual possibilities of attainment.
5. The effectiveness of the Chinese Communist regime's efforts to increase agricultural production (referred to in IAC-D-57/60).

1. EIC-P-12 contributed significantly to filling gap (1) for the USSR. An increasing amount of intelligence information on intra-Bloc trade has become available recently. The situation in respect to estimating agricultural production in Communist China has worsened recently because of the greatly exaggerated claims made by the Chinese Communists, which are extremely difficult to evaluate.
2. Little progress has been made in estimating the level of strategic reserves of agricultural commodities in the Sino-Soviet Bloc.
3. Although progress has been made in ascertaining the definition of "meat" and "milk" in Soviet terminology, the gap is only partially filled. It is expected that an external research project currently underway at the University of California will make a substantial contribution to an understanding of the Chinese "double-cropping" statistics.
4. Agricultural planning remains one of the major gaps in intelligence on agriculture in the Sino-Soviet Bloc.
5. The effectiveness of the Chinese Communist regime's efforts to increase agricultural production continues to be a major gap.

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Minutes of Meeting Held in  
Conference Room 1006, "M" Build-  
ing, 26th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.

9 December 1957

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[REDACTED], CIA, Chairman  
Mrs. Isabe Richter, State  
Mr. George C. Fowler, Army  
Mr. Clarence Purves, Agriculture  
Dr. Lazar Volin, Agriculture  
Dr. Arthur G. Peterson, National Institute of Health

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[REDACTED], CIA, Secretary

1. The meeting of 9 December was a continuation of the meeting held on 2 December, at which various draft sections of EIC-P-12 "Policies, Performances and Prospects of Soviet Agriculture" were discussed. Minutes of the 2 December meeting had not been prepared.

2. Draft Sections of EIC-P-12

Discussion was continued on the draft sections listed on the agenda for 2 December 1957. In addition, the draft section "The Corn Program" was also discussed. The Subcommittee offered suggestion on several of the draft sections.

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Action: [REDACTED] noted the suggestions and stated that they would be considered for the final version of the paper.

3. Mrs. Richter stated that the paper should not be termed an EIC paper since there had been little preliminary coordination and cooperation between the various agencies in the preparation of the paper.

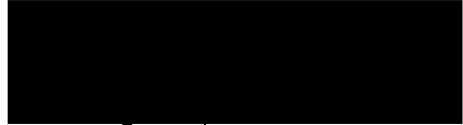
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[REDACTED] discussed the problems which had arisen during the development of the paper, and which had prevented the appointment of

an inter-agency working group to prepare the paper.

Action: None

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